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SUBJECT: SPANISH DEMARCHE ON SPANISH SAHARA

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1. SPANISH CHARGE JOAQUIN CERVINO CALLED ON ASST. SEC'Y
ATHERTON JULY 17 TO PRESENT SPAIN'S CASE ON SPANISH SAHARA.
DEMARCHE DID NOT GO MUCH FURTHER THAN NOTE VERBALE MEN-
TIONED REFTEL. CERVINO SAID SELF-DETERMINATION ONLY SOLU-
TION FOR SAHARA PROBLEM AND IN PREPARING STATUTE FOR
SAHARA, INCLUDING MEASURE OF AUTONOMY, SPAIN WAS SIMPLY
IMPLEMENTING UN RESOLUTIONS.

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2. CERVINO SAID MOROCCO WANTS TO ANNEX SAHARA AND ESTA-

BLISH A MONOPOLY ON PHOSPHATE PRODUCTION, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED GOM'S OFFER TO SHARE PHOSPHATE PRODUCTION WITH SPAIN. MOROCCO, ACCORDING TO CERVINO, IS ACTING IN DEFIANCE OF RESOLUTIONS OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AND OAU AS WELL AS UN. CERVINO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SELF-DETERMINATION PROCESS BOUND TO BE SLOW AND COMPLICATED WITH NATIVE NOMADIC POPULATION OF 20,000 OR SO.

3. GOS, ACCORDING TO CERVINO, IS NOT ESPECIALLY CONCERNED BY KING HASSAN'S VOCAL PUBLIC CAMPAIGN AGAINST SPAIN'S SAHARA POLICY. IT BELIEVES CAMPAIGN IS MOSTLY FOR DOMESTIC MOROCCAN CONSUMPTION. HOWEVER, GOS WILL KEEP EYE ON

SITUATION, CERVINO SAID, BECAUSE KING MIGHT TRY SOMETHING FOOLISH BECAUSE OF HIS INTERNAL WEAKNESS. SITUATION WOULD DETERIORATE IF MOROCCANS ATTACKED SPANISH FORCES IN SAHARA CERVINO SAID. THIS WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANCE FOR U.S. BECAUSE OF "JOINT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES" BETWEEN U.S. AND SPAIN TO BE SIGNED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY PRESIDENT AND GENERAL FRANCO IN SAN CLEMENTE AND MADRID RESPECTIVELY JULY 19.

4. FYI ARTICLE 7 OF JOINT DECLARATION STATES: "THE TWO GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZE THAT THE SECURITY AND INTEGRITY OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN ARE NECESSARY FOR THE COMMON SECURITY. THEY REAFFIRM, THEREFORE, THAT A THREAT TO OR AN ATTACK ON EITHER COUNTRY WOULD BE A MATTER OF CONCERN TO BOTH AND EACH COUNTRY WOULD TAKE SUCH ACTION AS IT MAY CONSIDER WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES. WITH THIS IN MIND, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR DEFENSE COOPERATION BY MEANS OF CLOSE AND FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO INSURE EFFECTIVENESS IN THEIR EFFORT."

5. AFTER CERVINO'S DEMARCHE ASST. SEC'Y ATHERTON SAID THE US WOULD OF COURSE BE CONCERNED IF FORCE WERE USED IN THE SPANISH SAHARA DISPUTE. HE POINTED OUT THAT US HAS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN FUTURE OF SPANISH SAHARA AND THAT OUR POLICY IS TO ENCOURAGE PARTIES CONCERNED TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES AMICABLY. CONFIDENTIAL

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6. ASKED IF GOS IS REQUESTING SPECIFIC ACTION OF USG, CERVINO REPLIED IN NEGATIVE SAYING ALL SPAIN WANTS IS US COMPREHENSION OF ITS POSITION. MEETING CLOSED WITH ASSURANCES THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH. INGERSOLL

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